

PARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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WARNING LETTER CHI-10-99

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chaun How Tang, President Delicious Food Products Co. 5520 Northwest Hwy. Chicago, IL 60630

Dear Mr. Tang:

A recent analysis by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of a sample of "Slow As PURE BLACK STRAP MOLASSES **12 FL. OZ." manufactured/bottled by your firm, found the maximum capacity of the container to be only 11.6 fluid ounces. This product is misbranded and misleading within the meaning of Section 403(a)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) in that the label is false or misleading because the product's container does not have the capacity to hold the declared 12 fluid ounces of molasses.

You should take prompt action to correct the violation. Failure to promptly correct the violation may result in regulatory action being initiated by FDA without further notice. These include seizure and injunction.

In addition, we have the following labeling comments concerning the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act (NLEA) requirements of this product's label:

- The serving size information should be based on the reference amount customarily consumed and expressed in a common household measure followed by the equivalent quantity in milliliters (e.g., 1 tbsp. (15mL)).
- The milligram amount for potassium must be listed under the sodium in the nutrition label. In addition, the % Daily Value (DV) for potassium must be listed adjacent to the milligram amount in the % DV column.
- The statement "Not a significant source of _____" (with the blank filled in with the name(s) of any nutrient(s) and calories from fat that are present in insignificant amounts) must be included at the bottom of the nutrition label.

Please notify this office in writing within 15 working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violation. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason and the time within which the corrections will be completed

Your reply should be directed to the attention of Paul Boehmer, Compliance Officer.

Sincerely,

Raymond V. Mlecko District Director

cc: John W. Straub, President W. F. Straub Co. 5520 Northwest Highway Chicago, IL 60630